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SUBJ: VOLTAN TRADE UNIONS MAINTAIN THEIR DECISION  
FOR GENERAL STRIKE DECEMBER 17-18

REF: OUAGA 3117

1. PRESIDENT LAMIZANA HELD DISCUSSION WITH TRADE UNION  
LEADERS EVENING DECEMBER 15 IN EFFORT TO CONVINCE THEM  
TO CALL OFF GENERAL STRIKE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 17-18.  
ALSO PRESENT WERE MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL BABA SY  
AND MINISTER OF INTERIOR LT COL BILA ZAGRE.

2. TRADE UNION LEADERS REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO CANCEL  
STRIKE ON GROUNDS THAT THEY CONSIDERED WAGE INCREASES  
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GRANTED BY GOUV AS BEING MUCH TOO LOW. THEY ALSO ARGUED

FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL RULE AND FOR  
DISMISSALS OF MINISTER OF PLAN DAKOURE AND MINISTER OF  
FINANCE GARANGO WHOM THEY HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCIAL  
IRREGULARITIES WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES.

3. AFTER LONG DISCUSSION, PREASIENT AND TRADE UNION  
LEADERS REPORTEDLY REACHED MODUS VIVENDI BY WHICH GOUV  
WILL ALLOW GENERAL STRIKE TO TAKE PLACE AND TRADE UNIONS  
WILL UNDERTAKE TO PREVENT ANY DISORDER OR MANIFESTATION.  
LAMIZANA APPARENTLY WARNED TRADE UNION LEADERS THAT ARMY  
AND POLICE WILL BE MUCH IN EVIDENCE DURING GENERAL  
STRIKE AND WILL HAVE ORDER TO BREAK UP ANY MANIFESTATION  
BY TRADE UNIONS. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT BASIC PUBLIC  
SERVICES, SUCH AS ELECTRICITY, WATER, TELEPHONES AND  
AIRPORT FACILITIES WOULD REMAIN IN OPERATION DURING THE  
STRIKE.

4. COMMENT: IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT GENERAL STRIKE WILL  
BE FOLLOWED BY VAST MAJORITY OF SALARIED WORKERS  
PARTICULARLY CIVIL SERVANTS. WHETHER TRADE UNION LEADERS  
WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP THEIR FOLLOWERS AT HOME RATHER THAN  
IN THE STREETS REMAINS TO BE SEEN. THERE APPEARS TO  
BE LITTLE DOUBT THAT GOUV WILL NOT HESITATE TO USE  
FORCE IF NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PREVENT DISORDERS OR  
MANIFESTATIONS.  
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